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FISH PRICE SETTLED; SUMMER PACT STARTS

Monterey fishermen were back at sea this week as result of settlement of the price of fish for the coming season coupled with a good run of squid.

Cannery and boat owners reached an agreement last week setting \$60 per ton as price of squid and \$32.50 per ton as price of sardines.

Nine purse seiners and 25 small boats brought in 110 tons of squid on Monday, supplying fish for five plants which were ready for summer pack.

Fishermen reported a large run of squid in the bay and said they can deliver all orders.

Plants which are packing squid include San Carlos, Peninsula Pack, Enterprise, Atlantic Coast and Del Mar. Two more plants, Custom House and San Xavier, said they will pack squid during the week.

Butchers Boast All Union Shops In Salinas Area

All butcher shops and meat markets in the Salinas area are now 100 percent union, following the signing of 28 Chinese markets on Alisal and East Market Streets, Earl A. Moorehead, executive secretary of Butchers Union 506 reports.

E. L. Courtwright, new secretary serving the Salinas-Monterey-Watsonville area, was active in organizing the Chinese markets and has been instrumental in promoting a shorter work day for the butchers, with shops now open only from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily, except Sunday.

Courtwright, former delegate to the Salinas labor council, was named representative of the Butchers Union in the south area following the sudden death of Lester Nagle. Moorhead is handling the rest of the territory under jurisdiction of Local 506 for the present.

Courtwright will represent all slaughterhouse workers, poultry workers, fish butchers and retail market butchers in the Salinas-Monterey-Watsonville area, and has established his office at 329 Quilla St., Salinas, telephone Salinas 6238.

Road Work Continues To Progress

New highway construction in the Salinas area is continuing rapidly. J. B. McGinley, business agent in the Salinas area for the Monterey County Building Trades Council, reports.

The Tiebert & Sons job north on Highway 101 is going ahead rapidly and the new highway, which will provide four lanes for 16 miles out of Salinas, is showing good progress.

Granite Construction Co. is making extensive repairs to Highway 101 south for two miles out of Salinas, and the Pacific Pipe Co. of Los Angeles is installing new water and gas pipe lines paralleling the highway work.

Moss Landing Harbor Due For Dredging

Improvements to the harbor facilities at Moss Landing were to be underway this week as an extensive program of development of the area was started.

J. B. McGinley, business agent in Salinas for the Monterey County Building & Construction Trades Council, reported that the dredging of the harbor to improve the facilities for the sardine fishing fleet was the first step in the development program.

AL HARRIS ILL IN S. F.

Albert Harris, president of Warehousemen's Union 890, was in San Francisco last week undergoing comprehensive examinations and treatment for an illness which has curtailed his work greatly for two months.

Harris suffered a breakdown several weeks ago and has not fully recovered. He is being attended by specialists in a San Francisco hospital.

How do you like the one about the man who always orders asparagus in a restaurant so he can leave the waiter a tip?

There are 17 non-operating railroad brotherhoods.

Tories in Red Cross Shudder At Labor Ties

Washington, D. C. Labor's League for Human Rights (AFL) and the Community Services Committee have agreed with the American Red Cross to terminate their joint war-time agreement under which the labor organizations raised funds for the Red Cross.

The Red Cross issued a formal statement on the situation stating that the contract which expired April 30 would not be renewed and claiming that "the arrangement has resulted in greatly increased participation in Red Cross affairs by members of organized labor."

DENY 'KICKBACK'
Some newspapers criticized the arrangement between the two labor war relief groups and the Red Cross, claiming it represented a "secret kickback deal." Actually, the agreement was not secret and the Red Cross paid the two groups \$532,299 for expenses in four war-time fund drives which netted the Red Cross over \$35 million.

Traditionally conservative, if not anti-union at most levels, the Red Cross played ball during the war to get the additional millions from American workers. With the war over, Red Cross Chairman Basil O'Connor bowed to the demand of his top leaders to cut the connection with the labor movement.

'FUDGY-DUDGY' LEADERS
Mrs. Eugene Meyer, wife of the publisher of the Washington Post, exposed the true situation Nov. 15, 1945, in an address before a conference of 1,000 Red Cross representatives, saying that "your very respectable, supposedly honorable but very bitter and very obtuse old fuddy-duddy leaders resent the fact that labor is gaining a foothold in the management of the Red Cross."

Uncle Sam Wins Suit Involving U.S. Dye Firms

Washington, D. C. Charges of dealing with the enemy during the war in a Justice Dept. anti-trust suit against dye-stuff industry leaders were settled with \$111,000 in fines when the dyemen decided not to contest.

Top fines of \$15,000 each were levied on Allied Chemical & Dye Corp., E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co., General Dyestuffs Corp. and General Aniline Film Corp. Among individuals fined \$5,000 each was Lamont duPont, chairman of the duPont Co. board.

The government charged defendants with conspiring to fix prices, divide markets and restrict manufacture. In agreement with German I. G. Farben, Japanese Mitsui and British and French trusts, the defendants controlled over 90% of the world's dyestuff business. The suit had been delayed during the war on the dyemen's claim it would interfere with war production.

S. F. Unions Unite To Deliver Food for Aid of Europe Needy

San Francisco, Calif. City officials and labor leaders here are making plans for a ship to be sent to starving Europe full of canned food.

The Intl. Longshoremen's & Warehousemen's Union has offered its services free both to package the goods and load the ship. The cargo will be hauled free by the Intl. Bro. of Teamsters.

It is also suggested that Gov. Earl Warren (R.) proclaim the next 75 days as Fight Famine Days in California and that communities, schools and churches collect food for transfer to San Francisco to be shipped to China as well as to Europe.

Vultee Strike

SAN DIEGO.—Strike of Machinists 1125 against Consolidated Vultee Aircraft entering its 14th week. Latest counter-proposal of company rejected by 89% of the membership at special meet. Matters of discrimination and union security main issues now at stake.

Common Folks Pushed Around In Washington By Gendarmes

Washington, D. C. Protests over recent rough tactics by Capitol police on citizens petitioning their representatives has brought promise of improvement in regulations governing the force.

Sergeant at Arms Kenneth Romney of the House, who is chairman of the Capitol joint police board, told FP he was in favor of rule change after J. G. Frain, district secretary American Federation of Govt. Employees (AFL) led 10 other AFL officials in protesting police methods. Referring to police shoving of women who came in mass to lobby for OPA extension, Frain said the incident was "the most disgraceful and un-American show of unprovoked force witnessed in the nation's Capital in a decade."

HIGH-HANDED TACTICS
Other recent police incidents include:

1. Forced removal of enlarged discharge buttons from the laps of war veterans lobbying for passage of the Patman housing bill;

2. Giving bums' rush to win-the-peace conference delegates waiting to see senators in office building corridor;

3. Arrest of a news photographer for taking pictures of CIO packing-house workers delegation on senate office building steps.

Capitol police Capt. Roy W. Brown told FP that he is "only carrying out orders on this job." But he has an out for almost any action in laws forbidding "loud or boisterous talking," "obstructing traffic" and taking part in a group "intended to bring into public notice any party or organization."

The laws were drawn up before 1900.

Landlords Weep, But People Want Control on Rent To Be Continued

Denver, Colorado. "You may be a landlord yourself sometime," warns a tear-jerking ad in the Denver News by the Hotel & Apartment House Owners Assn., calling existence of OPA "an open admission on our part that we are no longer capable of governing ourselves. This is how Nazism and Fascism started."

Your landlord, according to the ad, "is the person who paid taxes so that many of you could obtain relief or a WPA job... the man who is losing money, much like you were in 1932, while everyone else is making more money than ever before... the forgotten man (who) isn't such a bad sort but he doesn't like to be abused, and HE IS being abused by OPA."

The ad winds up candidly: "Why be deceived about inflation? IT IS HERE. In fact, inflation is necessary to pay the huge war debt."

A survey just completed by the Natl. Opinion Research Center of the University of Denver shows that the landlords are prophets without honor in their own city as well as in the rest of the U.S. An 85% majority of the American public favor continued rent control and 82% advocate continued price control, the poll showed. It also revealed that 52% advocate extension of rent control beyond the proposed June 20, 1947, while 44% believe price control should be continued beyond that date.

Among veterans, a group particularly sensitive to inflationary trends, 93% want continued rent control and 87% want extension of the price control act.

The Blind Leap

On a sentimental pilgrimage to their old home town an elderly couple lingered at a street corner. "Do you remember, John," the old lady sighed sentimentally, "we always used to meet here when we were courting?"

"Yes, my dear," replied her husband, "but that sign wasn't there then."

And he pointed to the notice which read:

"DANGEROUS CORNER — GO SLOW."

Another time for a motorist to worry about losing control of his car is when he's a couple of installments behind.

Federation Urges Fight To Keep OPA

(State Federation of Labor Release)

San Francisco, Calif.

Lashing out against the well-organized campaign to destroy the Price Control Act, C. J. Hagerty, Secretary of the California State Federation of Labor, sent the following letter to all of the unions and councils in the State of California, requesting that they immediately contact the California Senators and the members of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee and urge them to retain the Price Control Act and eliminate the crippling amendments adopted by the House of Representatives:

"TO ALL UNIONS AND COUNCILS"

"Greetings!

"A drive to wreck the Price Control Act is dangerously nearing success and can be prevented by bringing pressure to bear on the Senators of California, Sheridan Downey and William F. Knowland, and on the following members of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee:

Robert F. Wagner, of New York; Carter Glass, of Virginia; Alben W. Barkley, of Kentucky; John H. Bankhead, 2nd, of Alabama; George L. Radcliffe, of Maryland; Abe Murdock, of Utah; Ernest W. McFarland, of Arizona; Glen H. Taylor, of Idaho; J. William Fulbright, of Arkansas; Hugh B. Mitchell, of Washington.

E. P. Carville, of Nevada; Charles W. Tobey, of New Hampshire; Robert A. Taft, of Ohio; John Thomas, of Idaho; Hugh Butler, of Nebraska; Arthur Capper, of Kansas; C. Douglas Buck, of Delaware; Eugene D. Millikin, of Colorado; Bonkre B. Hickel-looper, of Iowa.

"The Act, with the emasculating amendments, is now being considered by the United States Senate. There is no time to be lost if labor and the American consumer are to protect themselves against the ravages of inflation.

"I strongly urge you to take immediate action and wire these Senators, insisting that they support the OPA bill and eliminate the crippling amendments passed by the House.

Fraternally yours,

C. J. HAGGERTY,

Secretary."

Union batter up!

That cry may be ringing out over baseball diamonds as soon as the newly formed American Baseball Guild (unaffiliated) gets to first base in its drive to organize all professional baseball players in the U.S.

Robert Murphy, labor relations director of the guild which opened headquarters here recently, said the union had been signing up players in the spring training camps and already had "substantial membership" in 10 major league clubs. Several big-name players were working as guild organizers, he said, but declined to identify them.

The guild leader, a former NLRB examiner and one-time Harvard athlete, said aims of the union are:

1. Freedom of contract so a player would not be forced to join a particular club against his will.

2. Players sold or traded should receive a percentage of the purchase price.

3. Collective bargaining on wage and other disputes.

4. Provisions for insurance, bonuses and other forms of security.

JOB TRAINING

WASHINGTON. — Marion Hedges, research director of Int. Elec. Workers, praised "fair practices" code to protect veterans engaged in "on-the-job" training from exploitation by unscrupulous employers as issued by Re-employment and Retraining Administration.

He called the code an "excellent document" and expressed hope it would be put into effect as soon as possible.

BUILDING JOBS

WASHINGTON. — More than 2 million workers will be needed this year in the veterans housing program, under which 1,200,000 homes will be built, says the U. S. Dept. of Labor.

Worker Gains Curtailed by Price Raises

Washington, D. C.

The vast majority of American workers have received a serious setback under the government's new wage-price policy, the AFL Monthly Survey charged.

Wage increases obtained by labor in recent weeks may prove illusory because higher living costs are likely to wipe out any gains, it was emphasized.

Fearful of being abolished by a reactionary coalition in Congress, the OPA has issued 76 price increase orders, raising prices on more than a thousand items. The "bulge" in the inflation front, admitted by Stabilization Director Bowles, is rapidly becoming a full retreat.

ANOTHER 10%!

"Living costs may rise more than 10 per cent as the new policy unfolds," the Monthly Survey warned, after pointing out that price increases have been allowed on all meats, all canned foods, bread, clothing, shoes, leather goods, metal products and other necessities.

Before Feb. 14, workers could make a real gain in living standards by getting an increase of 10 cents because price ceilings were held," the Survey explained. "Such increases and more were won for millions by collective bargaining without disturbing price ceilings or interfering with production. But now workers must get 18% cents to have a real gain of 8% cents. The 18% cents looks large, but the real gain is less than before."

FIGHT FOR PAY RAISE

Worse than that, the Wage Stabilization Board is not approving 18% cents as the pattern for all wage increases. The AFL demanded such equal treatment, but the board has decided that each union must establish its own case for wage boosts. The Monthly Survey emphasized these two points:

1. A sharp rise in living costs is in prospect for everyone. Workers' living standards will be cut unless they win substantial wage gains. While we disapprove the recent government wage-price orders, these orders are now the law of the land and the new wage approval machinery must be used where necessary until comparable gains have been made for all.

2. Government controls must be ended as rapidly as possible if American workers are to retain their freedom. Although OPA will be necessary for a while longer, definite limits should be placed on this and other controls.

Butte Miners Score Press' Exaggeration Of Strike Violence

Butte, Montana.

As the 10-day strike against the Anaconda Copper Co. ended with 7000 workers winning an 18½c hourly increase, half of it retroactive to Oct. 1, the Miner's Union blasted the Butte newspapers and wire services for distorting the facts of the violence which occurred during the walkout.

In a statement issued the day of the settlement, Board Member William Mason charged: "Although our union was instrumental in checking the demonstrations, it is now being subtly accused of organizing them. A full investigation of the facts will disclose an attempt by the controlled press in Montana to landslide community support from the striking miners by a wild picturization of the Butte scene."

The recent demonstrations during which several scabs' homes were damaged by youths were "unfortunate expressions of the public" in support of the miners, he said.

AFL Pres. Green Asks Senate to Turn Down House Change in OPA

Washington, D. C.

A call for the Senate "to reject the House bill and continue OPA for another year without crippling amendments" has been issued by AFL Pres. William Green.

Green said, "American workers are deeply disappointed by the action of the House in adopting amendments which will strangle price control. The House bill, if left unchanged, threatens to force the cost of living to unprecedented heights.

"The AFL does not believe in the perpetuation of government controls. We favor the abolition of OPA as soon as such action can safely be taken. But to undertake such a move now... is an open invitation to suicidal inflation."

Clerks Win Fight With Gallenkamp

(State Federation of Labor Release)

San Francisco, Calif.

Settlement with the Gallenkamp Shoe Store has been reached by the Retail Clerks following a threatened statewide strike, reports the California State Council of Retail Clerks 2. The company signed with the union an agreement providing union shop preferential hiring for the locals in San Francisco, Los Angeles, Long Beach, San Bernardino, Pomona, Santa Monica and Santa Barbara. Wages, hours and other conditions will be negotiated between these locals and the company. The company agreed further to sign the established industry contract which now obtains in San Pedro and Fresno.

Wherever a union can demonstrate its right to represent the employees through a cross check against the payroll, the company agrees to confer to that union the same union shop provision granted to the other locals.

In Oakland, where the dispute involved wages and commissions, a satisfactory settlement was reached. The company agreed that there would be no discrimination against the striking employees and that seniority would prevail in layoffs due to slackness of business and in rehiring.

The Retail Clerks of California expressed their appreciation for the assistance they received from the Federation in their successful fight.

**WOMEN PUT
'HEAT' ON
CONGRESS**

Washington, D. C.

Apparently the military maxim that the best defense is a good offense makes sense in political battles for the mass women's lobby which gathered in the Capitol and buttonholed Congressmen in defense of price control legislation recently.

Six hundred women, organized into motorized columns, converged on an assembly point near the Capitol with placards and lots of fight, and took the Hill on foot as Capitol police pulled moth-eaten rules out of the bag to try to break them up into small, dignified groups.

At the end of the engagement Mrs. Ernest K. Lindley and Mrs. Leon Henderson, spokesmen for the Natl. Emergency Committee for Price Control, reported that most anti-OPA Congressmen knew the women's lobby was there and made themselves scarce.

Chicago women brought a petition asking continuance of price control collected by the Chicago Federation of Consumers and covered with half a million signatures, which was presented to Rep. William A. Rowan (D, Ill.). Rep. Peter Quinn (D, N.Y.) got one with 11,000 names.

The women, representing 30 organizations in 48 states, intend to continue pressure through signed petitions, wires, letters and visitations to their representatives.

Truman Cites Value Of the Union Label

Washington, D. C. — President Truman's citation of the value of the union label as a protection for consumers was incorporated in a radio program, "The Shield of Protection," presented by the Union Label Trades Department of the AFL over the Mutual Broadcasting System.

Emphasizing the importance of labels as a consumer guide to the content and quality of goods he purchases, the President wrote:

"Through the union label he knows that the men and women who make the product work at fair wages and under decent conditions. By educating consumers in general to the full meaning of the union label, the Union Label Trades Department will enable them to give added impetus to the establishment and maintenance of fair labor standards."

SAY, LISTEN!

WASHINGTON. — Several interesting programs are scheduled for "Cross Section—AFL," CBS radio program every Saturday at 6:45 p.m. PST. On May 11 the subject will be "Truck Transportation" with members of the Teamsters' Union leading the discussion.

Avert Sugar Strike



At conferences in Washington which resulted in wage increases for sugar workers were (l to r): Victor L. Johnson, American Sugar Refining Co.; Edgar L. Warren, U. S. conciliator; and Louis Wilderman, AFL attorney. (Federated Pictures).

'Feed Europeans! Haggerty Urges Calif. Unions

By C. J. HAGGERTY

(Release from Office of California State Federation of Labor)

San Francisco, Calif.

Labor must support all efforts to alleviate the present world food famine. The current press has been full of reports on the catastrophe that now faces the world as a consequence of both the terrific destruction and the immense migrations caused by the terrors of war. Only the American continents and Australia were unravaged and only these continents can foresee adequate food supplies for their populations.

The United States Government has taken certain steps to assure that we have a maximum amount of food available for export so that, to some extent, we can mitigate the horrible situation in war-torn lands. But even this program is a minimum. It may mean some inconveniences for the American public, and certainly sacrifices, such as darker bread and less wheat products, but it will not mean an inadequate diet for any American. There will be available for each and every American more than a sufficient number of calories necessary to maintain life, and each of us will be able to eat a far greater amount of food than will be available for any of these unfortunate victims of the most horrible war that ever afflicted humanity.

STRESS FOREIGN TRADE
Labor's interest in this matter is not only due to a feeling of sympathy for the world's unfortunate. There is a measure of self-interest on the part of American labor which makes it essential for it to support the food conservation program. The foreign trade of the United States gives employment to millions of Americans. Without this foreign trade, we would face industrial stagnation. American labor knows that hungry people cannot be customers for American goods. It also knows that hungry people cannot produce the raw materials which American industry must import.

FEARS COMMUNISM
But there is a matter of self-interest which transcends even the economic self-interest. Hunger breeds strife, revolution and war. Hungry people do not stop to reason. Hungry people will grasp at any solution, no matter how ill-conceived, that seems to provide even a temporary solution for their starving bodies. American labor must face the fact that the empty stomachs of Europe provide potential adherents to the nihilistic philosophies of totalitarianism. Stalin's foreign legions are attempting to make capital of the world starvation, and hungry people can easily fall prey to their empty-handed promises. The present world famine is the greatest ally of these makers of world tragedies. Our failure to supply the needed food would be playing into the hands of these unscrupulous people.

REVOLT OF 'EMPTY BELLIES'
Other dissidents, as well, seek to take advantage of this situation. American labor must remember that Hitler rose to power on the empty bellies of the German people. He promised them, not only the dreams of world conquest, but he promised jobs, which meant food to a hungry people. Our failure to relieve the world famine will provide the road by which another Hitler may rise to power, and America may again be forced to fight a world war so that we may continue to maintain our democratic way of life.

Far-Sighted Farmer
"Now be sure to write plainly on those bottles," said the farmer to the druggist, "which is for me, I don't want anything to happen to that horse before I get all the hay cut."

This glamorous bit of femininity is Ann Doran, a Paramount studio wage slave, and we are ready to believe, an enthusiastic member of Screen Actors Guild (erated Pictures.)

Termites Get Busy

(State Federation of Labor Release)

San Francisco, Calif. Circulators of the so-called 'Veterans' Employment' petition, issued to the Society of World War II, are busily engaged in Los Angeles in collecting signatures to qualify this anti-union measure for the ballot in November. This petition, which would exempt veterans from union membership, is one of three anti-labor petitions which have been titled by the Attorney General's office and which will undoubtedly be pushed for signatures to qualify them for the coming election.

It has been definitely established that the proponents of Proposition No. 12 are behind the veterans' measure as well as the recently titled petition reported on in the last issue of the News Letter.

It is extremely urgent that unions inform their membership and their friends not to sign any petition unless it is first cleared through the unions.

The genius of the late Hitler never ceases to amaze. He built the bonfires of the classics, but carefully preserved any document that would incriminate a pal.—H. V. Wade in the DETROIT NEWS.

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The Labor Editor Speaks

A "POLL TAX" FOR UNIONS

Unions don't have to be "sold" these days on the importance of political action. Many of them already levy fines on members for failure to register and to vote. But there is no uniform system used by labor organizations and, too often, the fines are so small that the shirking member is not concerned. A reader has suggested the following plan which is worth discussion at the next meeting of your local:

1. The union sets up a permanent Political Committee whose duties shall be (a) to stimulate and check registration of members; (b) to direct the union's campaign to support labor legislation (or fight anti-labor legislation) and to elect labor-endorsed candidates; (c) to conduct a check at the office of the County Clerk or Registrar after every general election to find out whether members voted.

2. General state elections take place in California every two years and there is a primary and final election in each. What is proposed, specifically, is that the union increase the dues \$5 for the month preceding each primary and final election. After each election the Political Committee would check to see if the member voted. If he did, his \$5 would be returned. If he did not, the \$5 would be retained in the local's "political fund." Only excuses for failure to vote would be proved serious illness or physical inability to use the absentee ballot or get to the polls, or insufficient term of residence in California to qualify as a voter.

This, of course, is a sort of "poll tax" in reverse. In any general election year, a member could thus be "fined" (in advance) a total of \$10 for failure to vote in either the primary or final. A lot of folks will take the trouble to register and vote if they can save \$5 a shot!

SABOTAGE IN WASHINGTON

A few weeks ago we predicted in this column that, unless the line was held on the cost of living, all the recent wage gains of labor would be lost before the end of the year. Correction: They are *already* lost!

Even before a stubborn, reactionary House voted on April 17 to shoot the price control program full of holes, the OPA itself had been granting price increases on food, clothing, metal goods, etc., that were making a sieve out of the worker's pocketbook. Lifting of food subsidies, introduction of the "cost-plus-reasonable-profit" setup—all this means that the average 15% wage increases are now wiped out or soon will be. The Senate is not much friendlier to price control than the House.

Very few of the recent union contracts carry "escalator" clauses—that is, a provision for automatic pay hikes in proportion to increased living costs as revealed by the Dept. of Labor index. Contracts were entered into for a year or more when unions were assured that present price levels would be held down fairly well. Thanks to the diehards in Congress, the trickle through the hole in the dike of price control is fast becoming an inundation. Unless Congress backtracks, we will have the wildest period of labor unrest in the history of this country, with contract violations by the thousands. Labor will not sit by supinely while profits soar and its own purchasing power deteriorates—even if drastic action means further delay in the reconversion program.

This is a bitter political lesson for the workers of this country who refuse to take any interest in the kind of men they send to represent them in Washington. This year we have a chance to lick every Congressman who voted to open the flood-gates of inflation. *Let's do it!*

HAVE YOU NOTICED THIS?

Isn't it a little queer that our daily press is very willing to play up labor strikes in huge headlines but hardly even mentions sit-down strikes by industry—out for more profits before it will produce the things we all need? And, in view of this one example of bias, why should any workingman be such a numbskull as to believe everything he reads in his daily paper?

ORACLES OF THE AIR

Drew Pearson predicted a month or more ago that within 30 days World War III would be on, following a Russian attack on Turkey. Walter Winchell made practically the same prediction. Pearson, on June 22, 1941, predicted that Hitler would crush Russia in six weeks. It all goes to show you how well informed you can be if you just harken to the Common Taters.

FOR ENLIGHTENMENT ONLY

After reading that sensational-but-factual book, "The Great Conspiracy," by Sayers and Kahn, we have no hesitancy in making the flat statement that nobody can have a balanced understanding of world events unless he is thoroughly familiar with its contents.

GIGGLES AND GROANS

THE REAL REASON

MOE: "Lots of girls are sure afraid to leave home these days."
ZOE: "Yeah? How's that?"
MOE: "They fear the wolf will knock at the door and they won't be in."

BACK TO NORMAL

FEMINIST (addressing meeting): "Stand together, sisters! For ages the two sexes have been racing for supremacy!"
HECKLER: "And now they have settled down to neck and neck."

SIMPLE SOLUTION

MOITIE: "I saw in the paper the other day that down in the Samoan Islands two hula girls loved the same man."

GOIT: "What did they do about it?"

MOITIE: "Oh, they just pulled straws for him."

THE GRAPHIC REMINDER

Then there was the sinning soul who was sitting in church, rather bored and worried, as the minister was delivering a sing-song sermon on the Ten Commandments. Suddenly the preacher reached Commandment No. 7.

The sinner sat upright, allowed a smile to spread on his face as he exclaimed to himself:

"So THAT'S where I left my umbrella that night!"

CULTURAL TRIUMPH

Papa Rabbit, who was chewing on his carrot at the dinner table one night, looked across at his son who seemed to be very happy for some reason.

"What makes Junior so happy?" he inquired.

Said Mama Rabbit: "Oh, he had a wonderful time in school today, he says. He learned how to multiply."

SIMPLE FORMULA

"Did you hear about Mrs. Jones?"

She had triplets and two weeks later she had twins."

"That's impossible. How did it happen?"

"Well she lost one of the triplets."

ANYTHING TO PLEASE

"But, Miss Vera," said the artist to his model, "that isn't the place for your fig leaf, it's too high and too far to the right."

"Oh," she apologized, "I thought you wanted it to cover the scar from my appendicitis operation."

FIRST THINGS FIRST

LIZA: "How come yo' makin' all dem lemon pies?"

MANDY: "Dat soldier husband am comin' home on a furlough and dem pies am goin' to be the second thing he's gonna ask fo'."

DOIN' ALL RIGHT

"I understand your grandmother is the old-fashioned type who still toils at a spinning wheel. Does she earn much?"

"Well, last night she won \$50 on the red."

THE INTERESTING PART

DANCING MASTER: You must mind your feet carefully if you want to learn the new dances.

PUPIL: Never mind the feet, professor. What I want to get is the holds.

Teamsters Sign New Agreement With S. D. Ice

San Diego, Calif.

Only two weeks after settlement of a strike at the open shop Union Ice Co., the Intl. Bro. of Teamsters (AFL) signed a union shop agreement with the company.

The strike settlement provided for chartering of a new teamsters' union, the Ice Drivers Helpers Local 424, and the company agreed not to hinder attempts to organize its workers. So well was the job done by Al Pitts, representing the Joint Council of Teamsters, Los Angeles, that the company acceded to the union shop demands promptly and agreed to negotiate wages and working conditions within 30 days. It was during the Union Ice Co.'s 43-day strike that the right of unions to conduct a secondary boycott of firms doing business with the struck concern was upheld by the superior court, which declared that portion of California's hot cargo law unconstitutional.

Work Clothes Price Jump Given Sanction

Washington, D.C.—Immediate increase of 12 to 15 percent in retail prices for work clothes has been authorized by OPA.

This action, the OPA said, is the direct result of higher prices for raw textiles and cotton, and recent wage increases in the textile industry.

Under the new price schedule workers will pay, for example, \$1.70 instead of \$1.40 at most independent retail stores for a sanforized chambray workshirt, and \$2.72 instead of \$2.44 for sanforized denim bib overalls.

THE MARCH OF LABOR

FOR THE FIRST TIME IN 91 YEARS CRANE CO., WORLD'S LARGEST MANUFACTURER OF VALVES AND FITTINGS, OPERATES UNDER A UNION CONTRACT WHICH WAS SIGNED WITH THE UNITED STEEL WORKERS OF AMERICA ON DEC. 12, 1945.

THERE HAS NEVER BEEN A CASE SO FAR AS WE HAVE HEARD, WHERE OUR MEN LACK AMMUNITION DUE TO ANY STRIKE OR OTHER LAG IN PRODUCTION AT HOME.

LT. GEN. LUCIUS D. CLAY
ONE-TIME ARMY DIRECTOR
OF MATERIEL - JULY, 1944

ON V-J DAY THERE WERE 3,000,000 WOMEN IN AMERICAN TRADE UNIONS.

YOU WORK UNION - BUY UNION! YOU CAN BE SURE YOUR HAT IS UNION MADE IF IT HAS THIS UNION LABEL UNDER THE SWEATBAND.



POPULATION AND PEACE IN THE PACIFIC, by Warren Thompson

Published by the University of Chicago Press, Chicago. Price \$3.75.

It is the tendency these days to poke fun at old Malthus and discount the threat to world peace of uncontrolled population growth in various sections of the world. But the grim fact confronts us that population "balance" is still one of the nightmares of statesmen, and upon population trends in the next century or two may depend the success or failure of the UN to prevent World War III.

The author of this work is a distinguished researcher in his field and has written several earlier works of importance on the subject. Any attempt to "review" a meaty volume of this kind can result only in a fizzle, but I hasten to say that no one can understand the international problems ahead of us without some familiarity with the main facts presented. Some startling conclusions are offered. This is no dull mass of statistics, but a startling challenge to every student of the problem. In speaking of the Asiatic peoples he says: "I cannot see how we can honestly hope to avoid future wars and at the same time doom these Asiatic peoples to a poverty-stricken existence while we exploit the resources of this region which they need so badly to enable them to rise a little above the subsistence level." Thompson is, you observe, militantly anti-imperialistic.

He attacks the "white supremacy" policy of Australia which has held population of that vast continent so far to a tiny 7 million: "Australia must either increase her population to the point where she can make reasonably full use of her resources and thus develop the power to protect herself from outside attacks, or she will be conquered and settled by some of the Asiatic peoples."

Concerning China, he points out "the pressing need for voluntary control of population growth", and he adds, significantly: "There is

not room in the world for the numbers that will naturally come if we teach all the 'backward' peoples how to reduce their death rates, but do not at the same time show them the necessity of reducing their birth rates and how can this be done." Of India he writes: "Only for a short time can we help India to care for her 'teeming millions' by the more complete use of the resources in the thinly settled regions of the earth. The only permanent solution is for her to take measures of her own to reduce the TEEMING of her millions."

Although Thompson predicts that the Soviet Union will attain within a generation a population of 250 million, he points out: "How the growth of the Soviet Union will change the situation forty or fifty years hence need not give us much concern here because there is a good probability that the industrialization of the Union will in the meantime lead to a marked decline in the birth rate and that, by the end of the century she, like the United States at present, can look ahead to a comparatively small future increase. Also, like the United States, the Soviet Union need not worry greatly about the resources to care for her probable future population, provided she has opportunity to carry on a reasonably free trade with the rest of the world."

The 400 pages of this work are packed with thought-provoking passages of this kind. Although it deals specifically with the problem of the Pacific, it is nevertheless a laudable study of population trends as they affect the whole world. You may not agree with all the author's conclusions, but you will be a much better informed citizen if you read this scholarly work.

—AL SESSIONS

If we have all the wise, far-seeing and upright citizens the political ads claim we have, why is the country in such a mess?—LABOR LEADER

Put the Heat On Congress!

Organized labor is letting its representatives in Congress know it is watching their vote on the following legislation:

Price Control (HR 5042)

House loaded this bill with so many inflationary amendments that Senate must use big knife to save OPA and price control. Wire senators to pass bill, cutting out House amendments.

Minimum Wage (S 1349)

Pace-Russell rider on this wage-raising bill will probably bring Truman veto. Write House labor committee to approve bill without rider, and to broaden it to include seamen, retail and food workers.

Case Bill (HR 4908)

Anti-labor senators plan to amend this measure, putting back restrictions on labor that committee threw out. Wire senators that Case bill is no go in any form.

Polltax Repeal (HR 7)

Wire your senator to demand that this House-approved bill be brought to the floor for a vote. Passage will open the way to retire several of the most anti-labor polltaxers to private life.

Waldorf Diet For America; Clay & Bark For Chinese

New York City.

The Waldorf-Astoria

Hotel in New York offers

a conservative dinner menu

these days beginning with

fruit or seafood cocktail,

tomato juice, chicken broth

or cream of pea soup, a

choice of filet of sole, braised beef,

chicken or duck, fresh vegetables,

potato, salad, your choice of several

ice creams, plum pie, fruit

pastry and coffee. There is a big

basket of rolls on the table, olives

and celery, butter, jelly. And a

plentiful wine list.

The Waldorf menu dresses these

items up with French names some-

times and has a lot more fancy

ones a la carte—but its dinner

menu is roughly the same as that

offered by the Palmer House in

Chicago or the Statler in Boston or

the Pennsylvania Railroad diner

or dozens of other hotels, railroads

and restaurants across the U.S.

BARK AND CLAY DIET

In Hunan Province, China, sev-

eral million people are today eat-

ing from an unprinted menu that

consists of grass, roots, tree bark

and clay. This fact was reported in

a cablegram to UNRRA from

Shanghai, which said that more

than 30 million men, women and

children in 19 provinces are at the

point of starvation. A famine "of

almost unprecedented severity is

sweeping China," the papers report,

human beings are reduced to eat-

ing grass and even clay.

Millions are also facing starva-

tion in India, eastern Europe and

all over the war-ravaged world—

except for the U.S. and a few

lucky countries like Argentina and

Australia. People are sickening and

dying for lack of bread. In Austria

a whole generation—the children of

6 to 18 years—are shrunken in

height and weight, flesh drawn

tight over rickety bones, bellies

bloated with the gases of starva-

tion, men and women groveling in

the garbage cans of U.S. Army

mess halls for the most filling meal

they can hope to get, and dreading

the day when even that source of

supply will be gone.

NEED RIGID CONTROLS

Herbert Hoover says "voluntary"

rationing will do the trick and

Pres. Truman underestimates the

situation. But it will take more

than voluntary controls to keep

the Waldorf from serving such

menus to people who can afford

\$3.50 meals or the corner drugstore

from selling a fudge sundae for 25

cents or Mrs. Jones from buying

one as long as it's on the menu

It's only the U.S. that can save

millions from starvation in the next

few years and we can do it only by

rigorous rationing and the kind of

government controls that enabled

us to win the battle of war produc-

tion. Can we refuse to fight

famine?

HEARST PAYS UP FOR SLUR ABOUT UNION

New York City.

A check for \$10,000 closed the

books on the Maritime Union's 6-

year court fight against the Hearst

press, Walter Winchell and the

Andrew Jergens Co. for libelous

statements.

Receipt of the check from the

Hearst Corp. brings total damages

won by the union in the case to

\$19,000. Last June the Jergens com-

pany, which sponsors Winchell's

broadcasts, settled for \$9000 and

the union used the money to es-

tablish its leadership-training

schools.

The union's action was brought

in New York supreme court July 3,

1940, following a broadcast by Win-

chell and subsequent publication in

the New York Daily Mirror of

charges that members were sabotag-

ing American ships. The case ap-

peared on the supreme court

calendar for trial several times, a

union official explained, adding:

"Although Winchell frequently

says there are hundreds and thou-

sands of people who sue him for

libel but never appear in court, this

time Winchell, in order not to ap-

pear for trial, agreed to settle the

law suit along with the Daily Mir-

ror and paid \$10,000 to the union."

"The victory is a victory for the

entire American labor movement.

Radio commentators and columnists

are returning to their prewar at-

tacks against labor and support of

the union-busting program of the

Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers. This

case proves that labor can win

when it fights persistently against

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BAKERS 24—Meets 3rd Saturday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main, at 5 p.m. Pres. Judson F. Flint, 201 Archer, phone 3298. Secy. Louie Grasso, 251 Clay St., phone 8819. Bus. Agent, Hans Top, 1128 Laurie Ave., San Jose, phone Ballard 6341. Office at 72 N. Second St., San Jose, phone Ballard 8341.

BARBERS 827—Meets 3rd Monday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main, at 8 p.m. Pres. John Durnell, 533 E. Alisal. Secretary, Leon J. Smith, 207 Main St., phone 4302.

BARTENDERS 545—Meets 1st and 3rd Monday at 2 p.m. at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts. Pres. Eddie Rose. Secy. and Business Agent, Karl E. Hess. Office at Teamsters Hall, phone 6209.

BUTCHERS UNION 506 (Salinas Branch)—Pres. Geo. Gilbert; Vice Pres. Bill Steinmueller; Fin. Sec. Harry Boch; Rec. Sec. Jim Errington, (Earl Moorhead, Exec. Sec. office phone San Jose, Columbia 2132). Del Monte Ave.

CARPENTERS 925—Meets first and third Tuesdays at 7:30, Carpenters Hall, North Main Street. Pres. Ray Luna. Vice-Pres. I. R. Miller. Business Agent, George Harter, 422 North Main Street, phone 5721. Financial Secy., L. H. Taft, 243 Clay Street, phone 4245. Treas., O. O. Little. Recording Secy., Amos Schofield, 422 North Main.

CARPENTERS AUXILIARY 373—Meets 2nd and 4th Wednesday at Carpenters Hall at 8 p.m. President, Mrs. Ed Francis; Vice-President, Mrs. Ray Luna; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Aubrey Cunningham; Treasurer, Mrs. Mark Pilliar; Warden, Mrs. Bert Nelson; Conductress, Mrs. Earl Van Emon.

CENTRAL LABOR UNION (MONTEREY COUNTY)—Meets every Friday evening at 8 p.m. at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts. Pres., Peter A. Andrade, phone 4893. Secy.-Treas., George Harter, 422 N. Main, phone 5721. Council Negotiation Committee: Albert Harris, phone 4893; George Harter, phone 5721.

CULINARY ALLIANCE 467—No regular meetings scheduled, and subject only to call. Secretary Bertha A. Boles. Office at Teamsters Hall, Main and John Sts., phone 6209.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS 243—Meets the first Tuesday in each month at the Labor Temple, 117 Pajaro St., at 8:00 p.m. C. B. Phillips, Bus. Mgr. Phone 3361, 25 Harvest St. E. M. Bills, Pres. Phone 6524.

ENGINEERS (OPERATING) 165—Meets 2nd Monday at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., at 8 p.m. Pres. C. H. Ingersoll, P.O. Box 2, Freedom, Secretary, Harry Vosburgh, 404 California St., Salinas, phone 4972.

LABORERS 272—Meets second Monday of each month at 8:00 p.m. at 117 Pajaro St. R. Fenchel, Pres., 17 Railroad Ave.; J. F. Mattos, Sec., 104 Lang St., Salinas; J. B. McGinley, Bus. Agent, office at 117 Pajaro St.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Bengel, Hilby St., Monterey, Phone Monterey 4820; Sec.-Treas., Dean S. Seefeldt, 526 Park St., Salinas, Phone 9223.

LAUNDRY WORKERS 252—Ceets on call in Teamsters Hall, Main and John Streets, Mildred Clayton, president and business agent. Phone 4717.

PAINTERS 1104—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 117 Pajaro Street at 7:30 p.m. Pres., Earl Ross. Fin. Secy. and Business Agent, Donald McBeth, 1014 Le Costa Street, phone 4126. Recording Secy., Dennis Hartman, 614 Mae Ave., phone 8783.

PLASTERERS 763—Meets second and fourth Friday of the month at 8:00 p.m., at Rodeo Cafe; Fred Randon, Secretary, 31 Buena Vista, Salinas, phone 1423. Pres., Don Frick.

PLUMBERS AND STEAM FITTERS UNION LOCAL 503—Meets Second Wednesday of each month, 8:00 p.m., Salinas Labor Temple, Pres., Al Everly; Recording Secretary, William Farr; Financial Secretary, C. Russell Walker, 312-B Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 9259. Office at 215 E. Alisal St., Phone 3463. Ex. Board meets each Tuesday night at Labor Temple.

POSTAL CARRIERS 1046—Meets every 3rd Monday alternately at homes of members at 8:30 p.m. President, L. E. Pierce, 43 Romer Lane, phone 3173. Secretary, H. C. Schreke, 636 El Camino Real, No. 10, phone 7080.

PRESSMEN 328—Meets last Tuesday of month, alternating between Salinas and Watsonville, Pres., Milo Wingard, 339 West St., Salinas, Secretary, Milo Martella, 225 Monterey St., Salinas.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 8 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple, Pres., E. E. Lehr, 142 11th St., Pacific Grove, Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas, phone 9668.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., and at Salinas at 117 Pajaro St. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties). Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Fin. and Rec. Secy., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., Santa Cruz, phone 1276-J. Bus. Agent for Salinas area, J. B. McGinley, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 6777. Bus. Agent for Monterey, L. T. Long, 411 1/2 Alvarado St., Monterey.

STATE COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES 420—Meets on call at Labor Temple, Pres., R. H. Clinch, 348 1/2 West Street, Vice-Pres., H. E. Lyons, 15 West Street. Secy.-Treas., W. Y. Karich, 20 Natividad Road, Salinas.

SUGAR REFINERY WORKERS 20616—President, J. Collins; Secretary-treasurer, R. MacRossie; Recording secretary, H. Dies. Meet in Forrester's Hall, Salinas, 2nd and 4th Mondays at 7:30 p.m.

TEAMSTERS 287—Meets first Wednesday in Oct., Jan., April, July at Teamsters Hall, John and Main Sts., Salinas, phone 7590.

THEATRICAL STAGE EMPLOYEES AND MOTION PICTURE OPERATORS 611—Meets first Tuesday every other month 10 a.m. in Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres. Art Reina, 605 Mae Ave., Phone 9795; Bus. Agent, James Wilson, 80 Peyton St., Santa Cruz, Phone 1216. Rec. Sec., Chas. Covey, 364 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION NO. 543—R. C. Sprague, Salinas, Pres.; A. C. Davis, Sec.-Treas., 109 Prospect St., Watsonville. Meets last Sunday, alternating between Watsonville and Salinas.

WAREHOUSEMEN 890—Meets first Tuesday night at Teamsters Hall, John and Main streets. Office at same address, phone 4893. President, Albert Harris; Secretary, W. G. Kenyon. Financial secretary and business representative, Peter A. Andrade.

Time To Remove Shackles . . Charles



Do You Know?

—That there has been practically no immigration into the United States in the last 15 or 16 years?

—That even now there are bills in Congress that aim to cut even present tiny immigration quotas in half?

—That labor sometimes takes the short view of the immigration question and jumps to the conclusion that more immigrants would mean less jobs and lower wages?

—That from 1890 to 1910, some twelve and one half million immigrants were admitted to the U. S., and that this period (except for occasional brief periodic depressions) was generally prosperous?

—That during this 20-year period the number of gainfully employed persons in the U. S. rose from over 23 million to over 38 million?

—That in the same period production of steel increased 7 fold, copper 4 fold, that railroad tonnage trebled, bank clearings trebled, and the estimated value of farm products increased 254%?

—That immigrants saved their wages into capital which they later invested, married, had children to increase the nation's population at a rapid date?

—That these immigrants have very largely entered into the American trade union movements, and their sons are now a strong and loyal part of the membership?

—That with the great post-war suffering among the underprivileged millions of Europe, the United States could afford to be more generous about absorbing more of the people who have demonstrated their solid worth as American citizens in wartime, as well as peacetime?

Not So Good, Eh?

Maybe the no-strike-in-wartime policy had its weak points after all. Some people liked it so much they're trying to start another war in order to revive it.

LITTLE LUTHER

"Mark my words, my boy," said Mr. Dilworth, "you will always find the great powers, that is, the great western powers, battling—battling, I said . . ."

"I didn't think you said bottling," his son remarked.

"Battling, I said," Mr. Dilworth went on, "against totalitarianism."

"Yes," said Little Luther.

"Wherever they find it."

"No," the boy exclaimed.

"No!" said Mr. Dilworth. "No, no, I mean yes! Curse your soul, my boy, you do confuse me."

"Yes, father?" asked Little Luther.

"Yes, indeed," said Mr. Dilworth.

"They will hold fast to their principles. They will do what their principles demand of them. They'll do it no matter how much it hurts them. No matter whom it hurts."

"Well," said Little Luther.

"Well?" queried Mr. Dilworth.

"You agree with me for once?"

"I do, father, I do," said Little Luther.

"If what you say is true, there's no doubt what we'll do to the fascists in Spain, is there?"

"In Spain?" his father demanded.

"In Spain, of course," said Little Luther.

"What is this, an echoing contest?"

"Why, boy," said Mr. Dilworth, "you've got me and the United Nations all wrong. I was talking about Iran. Spain, indeed!"

"Indeed," said Little Luther.

Culinary Man On Council of National City

National City, Calif. Richard E. Adams, former delegate to the San Diego County Central Trades Council from Cooks & Waitresses Local 402 and Office Workers Local 139, has been elected to the city council here. One of three councilmen elected, he polled the second highest vote among six candidates. Adams is a former correspondent of Federated Press.

FRANCO SPAIN ON SPOT



Franco Spain may well become the jumping-off place for World War III. Dr. Oscar Lange (at mike), Poland's delegate to the security council, charged at this UN meeting. He called for severance of diplomatic relations with Spain. (Federated Pictures).

Just Another Racketeering Labor-Baiter

By HENRY EPSTEIN
Chicago, Illinois.

Masquerading as a federation of small businessmen, a new anti-labor organization set up here is chiming in with the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers' campaign to ruin OPA and saddle the American people with the program of big business.

Known as the Conference of American Small Business Organizations, the outfit has large and prosperous-looking offices in the Board of Trade Bldg. in Chicago. Administrative official R. H. Shaw, though cold to questioning about the conference's financial setup, was openly gleeful when he discussed its anti-labor work.

ANTI-STRIKE TECHNIQUE
Referring to a series of full-page ads which appeared in Chicago, New York, Philadelphia and other cities attacking unions, he said: "We think we did a lot of good. Our ads appeared just when the workers pulled those big strikes." Asked how the conference's program compared with that of the NAM, Shaw replied: "Well, we've got the same aims but the NAM is mostly for manufacturers and we're concentrating on distributors. But we'll do the same kind of work for our people that they do for theirs."

Shaw admitted that so far the organization has only a few thousand members but through use of a fake poll, it claims to speak for millions of merchants and distributors. Analysis of the ballots quickly shows how misleading they are. Sent to a quarter-million small businessmen picked at random from telephone books and city directories, the questions are specially worded to turn the merchant against labor and people's legislation.

Horrors! Movie Managers Start Theatre Pickets

New York City. Add to the list of coming attractions for 41 RKO theaters here irate movie managers walking up and down in front with picket signs.

The members of Motion Picture Theater Operating Managers & Asst. Managers Guild (unaffiliated) warned they were being forced to a strike position in a wire to Eric Johnston, czar of the movie industry. Asking Johnston to back up his own report proposing arbitration or mediation in labor disputes, the union charged that RKO has refused to submit firings to arbitration and is opposing maintenance of membership.

Despite a War Labor Board order providing a 48-hour week, retroactive pay of \$400,000 and substantial wage increases, "the union has made concessions all along the line," Johnston was told, "having announced its willingness to accept \$135,000 in retroactive pay and a 50-hour week as well as much smaller wage increases."

Here's New One On How to Fire Union Employees

Des Moines, Iowa. A novel explanation for firing of an active union newspaper worker was handed an NLRB examiner here by J. R. Russell, acting managing editor of the Des Moines Register & Tribune. The cross-examination went like this:

Q. And then you fired him?

A. I don't know that he was fired.

Q. You mean he wasn't fired?

A. Something like that.

Q. You mean he quit?

A. No, not exactly.

Q. What happened?

A. We heard that he had told someone that he liked California. We let him go so that he could go there.

By the time testimony ended, company witnesses not only agreed that the guildsman, Lee Simon, had been fired, but that starting at the time of his union activity, there had been a 6-month campaign to force him to leave.

'Too Low,' Say Rail Unions of Wage Increases

Cleveland, Ohio. A government fact-finding board recommendation of a 16c hourly wage increase for two rail unions was "far less than we asked," Pres. Alvany Johnston of the Bro. of Locomotive Engineers (unaffiliated) said here. Pres. A. F. Whitney of Bro. of Railroad Trainmen (unaffiliated), another union involved, declined to comment. Both unions had asked a 30c increase in addition to changes in work rules.

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BAKERS 24—Headquarters at Labor Temple, 72 N. Second St., San Jose. Hans Top, Secy and Bus. Agent, phone Ballard 6341.

BARBERS LOCAL 896—Meets 1st Thursdays at Bartenders Hall, 301 Alvarado St. President, Ralph Lester, 307 1/2 Madison St.; Secretary-Treas., A. H. Thompson, 243 Alvarado St., Ph. 5741.

BARTENDERS 483 (HOTEL, RESTAURANT EMPLOYEES & BARTENDERS ALLIANCE)—Meets at 315 Alvarado St., 1st Monday at 8:30 p.m., 3rd Monday at 2:30 p.m. Pres., E. D. McCutcheon; Sec., Pearl Robinson; Bus. Agt., Steve Smario. Office, 315 Alvarado, Monterey; phone 6734.

BRICK MASON LOCAL UNION NO. 16—Meets Building Trades Hall, second and fourth Friday, 8:00 p.m. President F. B. Hair, P. O. Box 264, Watsonville; Fin.-Sec., M. Real, 154 Eldorado, Monterey, Phone 6745; Rec.-Sec., Geo. Houde, 208 Carmel Ave., Pacific Grove, Phone 3715.

BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF MONTEREY COUNTY—Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., at 8 p.m. Pres., W. J. Dickinson, 201 Monroe St., phone 8160. Secretary and Bus. Agent, L. T. Long, Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 4222. Office at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., phone 6744. Mailing address: P.O. Box 611. Office hours: 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., 2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., 7:30 to 9 p.m.

BUTCHERS 506 (Monterey Branch)—Pres., Floyd Harris; Vice-Pres., S. Corona; Rec. Sec., Helen Day; Fin. Sec., Gene Hellam; Bus. Agt., Earl Moorhead, San Jose, Ph. Columbia 2132.

CARPENTERS 1323—Meets 1st and 3rd Mondays at 8 p.m. at 411 1/2 Alvarado St. Pres., Geo. Dietl, phone 7992. Fin. Secy., D. L. Ward, 400 Gibson St., phone 6726. Bus. Rep., L. T. Long, phone 6726. Office at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., P.O. Box 611, phone 6744.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL (MONTEREY PENINSULA)—Meets at Bartenders Hall, 301 Alvarado St., 1st and 3rd Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Pres., E. D. McCutcheon. Vice-Pres., J. F. Wheat. Secretary-Treasurer, Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., phone 7622.

ELECTRICAL WORKERS NO. 1072—Meets 2nd Monday at 411 1/2 Alvarado Street, Monterey. E. C. Geary, president. Paul Day, secretary. Phone 7650.

FISH CANNERY WORKERS UNION OF PACIFIC (Monterey County, AFL)—Meets on call. Pres., William Culver; Bus. Agent, Lester Caveny; Secy.-Treas., Roy Humbracht. Office at Labor Temple, 320 Hoffman St., New Monterey.

FISHERMEN (SEINE AND LINE)—Meets monthly on full moon at 2 p.m. at Union Hall. Pres., Salvatore Davigo, 335 Monroe St., phone 7729. Secretary and Bus. Agent, John Crivello, 927 Franklin St., phone 7713. Office and hall at 233 Alvarado St., phone 3126.

LABORERS 690—Meets in New Labor Temple, Monterey, first Sunday morning of each month at 10 o'clock. President, Perry Luce, 1251 David avenue. Vice-President, Thomas E. McGuire, P. O. Box 156, Seaside. Secretary-Treasurer, Frank E. Decker, P. O. Box 1303, Monterey.

LATHERS UNION NO. 463—Meets in Salinas Labor Temple second and fourth Fridays, 8 p.m. President, Roy R. Bengel, Hilby St., Monterey, Phone Monterey 4820; Secretary-Treasurer, Dean S. Seefeldt, 1508 First St., Salinas, Phone Salinas 874.

MOTOR COACH EMPLOYEES, Division 192—President, Harry M. Fox Jr.; Secretary, Herman R. Bach. When called, held at 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, at 2:30 p.m. Pres., A. A. Hirsch, Seaside, Calif., phone Monterey 4257. Secretary, Harry H. Judson, Box 422, Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 6166. Office at 500 Asilomar Blvd., Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 6166.

PAINTERS 272—Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 315 Alvarado St. at 8 p.m. Pres., Robert Deakin, 149 Monterey, Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 9285. Rec. Secy., Ed. L. Castle, 457 Wave, Monterey, phone 6312. Financial secretary, J. C. Hazelwood, 419 9th St., Pacific Grove, phone P.G. 7305.

PLASTERERS AND CEMENT FINISHERS NO. 337—Meet first and third Friday, Building Trades Hall, Monterey, 8:00 p.m. President, Earl Smith, Monterey; Financial Secretary, V. J. Willoughby, 152 Carmel Avenue, Pacific Grove.

PLUMBERS AND STEAMFITTERS NO. 62—Meets 2nd and 4th Friday at 411 1/2 Alvarado Street at 8 p.m. L. A. Trine, President, Phone 5704. H. Diaz, secretary, 1271 3rd Street, Monterey, Phone 7586.

POST OFFICE CLERKS, Monterey Branch No. 1222 of National Federation of Post Office Clerks (AFL)—Meets first Friday of month. Pres., Boyd Beall; Vice-Pres., E. L. Edwards; Sec.-Treas., Art Hamill.

ROOFERS 50—Meets 3rd Friday, 8 p.m., Watsonville Labor Temple; Pres., E. E. Lehr, 142 11th St., Pacific Grove, Sec., Frank Walker, 327 Alexander St., Salinas, Phone 9668.

SHEET METAL WORKERS 304—Meets 1st Friday alternately at Monterey at 411 1/2 Alvarado St., and at Salinas at 117 Pajaro St. (This local has jurisdiction over Monterey and Santa Cruz counties). Pres., John Alsop, P.O. Box 317, Pacific Grove, phone 7825. Fin. and Rec. Secy., F. F. Knowles, 232 River St., Santa Cruz, phone 1276-J. Bus. Agent for Salinas area, J. B. McGinley, 117 Pajaro St., Salinas, phone 6777. Bus. Agent for Monterey, L. T. Long, 411 1/2 Alvarado St., Monterey.

TEACHERS (MONTEREY COUNTY FEDERATED) 457—Meet in Monterey second Wednesday, 8:00 p.m. Fin.-Sec., Wayne Edwards, 823 Johnson Ave., Monterey, Phone 7622.

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The agreement covers all drivers of produce and cull trucks, as well as such field units as loaders, tractors, bugs and silver kings. The rates are \$1.15 per hour, time and one-half (1½) after eight hours work, \$1.72½ per hour overtime. Seniority. Holidays include Sunday, New Years Day, Washington's Birthday, Decoration Day, Fourth of July, Labor Day, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving Day and Xmas Day. There is a union membership clause. IMPORTANT: All new men have 15 days to join the union. The office of the union will be open Sunday afternoon, May 5, 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. to take care of any new driver who cannot get in during the week. Remember, lists are going to be requested from the companies in order to get an accurate check on all drivers!

The next regular meeting in Salinas will be held at Forester Hall on Tuesday evening, May 7, 8 p.m. Please attend!

Important, all Spiegel Foods employees! Your union wishes to report that many of you are entitled to back pay since April 17th last. You should receive this pay on Saturday, May 4. The new rates of pay will be published in pocket-size form for you very soon. In the meantime check with your shop steward. Head stewards in the packing shed are Herschel Emberson and Margaret Grasso. In the frozen foods we have Alex Dahmer. It is going to be necessary that a business agent spend certain days of the week at the plant to check dues books and sign up new members. In any event, remember to pay your dues before the 15th day of the current month or you will not be eligible for sick benefits. In the event you become sick it isn't necessary to call at the office in person. Remember you will be recognized only from the date it is reported to the union office.

Your union has printed 2,000 new copies of your constitution and by-laws. Please call at the office for one. Read it over carefully. Remember that all the members are guided by the constitution.

Your union has opened an office in the old Labor Temple, 462-A Main St., across the street from the Resettler Hotel. The hours are 9 to 1 and 2 to 5 p.m. Lucille Fluehart will serve you. Attention, all members in Watsonville. Your next regular meeting will be held on Monday at 8 p.m. at the I.O.O.F. Hall, across from the plaza. All produce drivers in Watsonville area please attend this meeting. Your union will initiate any new produce drivers on ice house employees at this meeting.

All employees of Western Frozen Foods: Your union will have important news for you at that meeting. Please attend.

Ruby Kline, employed at Western Frozen Foods, has been taken ill. We wish her speedy recovery.

GILROY
Your office is again opened and will remain open until further notice. Remember that your agreement with C. B. Gentry is not complete. The retroactive date is Feb. 1. We will negotiate minimum rates very soon. Your union will have regular meetings in Gilroy when the onion season begins.

SAN JUAN AND HOLLISTER
Your next regular meeting will be held at the Casa Maria on Tues., May 21, 8 p.m. We would appreciate having all drivers attend this meeting who work in the area. We will initiate new members on this date.

Attention, Sam Regas employees: A business agent will be at the plant soon to report on activities affecting your conditions there. Please report any grievance to Shop Steward Martin.

ATTENTION, ALL MEMBERS, ALL AREAS:
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Large Number of Vets Hired Since War End

Washington, D. C.
Labor Dept. figures show industry hired 1,370,000 World War II veterans by Jan. 15; 11.5% of all manufacturing employees were veterans, as of that date.

AFL's 'Dixie Drive' Plans Million New Affiliates

Washington, D. C.
Preparations for an all-out drive to organize the south were announced by AFL Pres. William Green, who said the push into Dixie would be the largest in its history.

With a goal of 1,000,000 new southern members within the next year, the AFL campaign will be directed by the executive officers of 12 state federations of labor in the south and AFL Southern Representative George L. Gooze of Atlanta.

CALL CONFERENCE
Delegates from 8600 AFL local unions, city and district councils and state federations will attend the Southern Labor Conference this month at Asheville, N.C. at which "Operation Dixie" will be launched. Preliminaries for this meeting were laid out at a weekend session in Atlanta.

Pres. Green, Sec. Treas. George Meany, Vice Presidents William L. Hutchison and John L. Lewis will address the conference, along with other executive council members. Other speakers will include officers of the Railway Employees Dept., Building & Construction Trades Dept., Metal Trades Dept., the Government Employees council and the Union Label Trades Dept.

Delegates to the Southern Labor Conference will come from West Virginia, Virginia, North and South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana, Arkansas, Tennessee and Kentucky.

COUNCIL MEETING
Immediately following the conclusion of the Asheville meeting, the spring meeting of the AFL executive council will be held in Washington. The AFL said it "presumably will consider ways and means of supporting the southern drive with assistance from the national organization as well as all affiliated unions."

Sugar Workers Strike Threat Ups Pay Scales

Washington, D. C.
A combination of pressures from unions, the federal government and a threat to "re-examine the tariff situation" brought a settlement of a contemplated strike in the U.S. cane sugar industry.

Wage increases averaging 15 cents an hour were granted some 4500 workers in the National and American Sugar Refining companies retroactive to Feb. 15. The raises include 5 cents previously won by the unions. The Intl. Longshoremen Assn. (AFL) and local industrial unions represent the workers in Long Island City, N.Y., Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore.

House Majority Leader John W. McCormack (D. Mass.) participated in the successful conference with Conciliation Director Edgar L. Warren and representatives of the unions and management. McCormack is reported to have advised management that unless it settled the controversy, he would look into the tariff question.

Under present law U.S. sugar producers are protected against Cuban and other foreign imports by a tariff concession granted on the industry's plea that it would preserve American workers' standards.

DEFINITIONS

WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE: Man who keeps Congressman informed of what the folks back home are thinking.

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DEMOCRACY: Word used in names of radical organizations to tip off Rankin committee they're really red.

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VETERAN: (a) Employee who hasn't spit in the boss' face for either 25 or 50 years and therefore is entitled to either a gold watch or an engraved gold watch; (b) Pest who thought so little of his life he risked it every day, and now demands it be made worth living.

The Chief Defect

Into the big city came a Swedish farmer to apply for naturalization papers. Asked by the judge if he was satisfied with the general conditions of the country, the farmer replied that he was. "And how about our form of government," continued the judge. "Does it suit you?" "It sure all right," answered the farmer, "only aye would like to see more rain."

Conciliation Agreed Upon in Match Strike

Washington, D. C.
The Labor Dept. named a three man conciliation commission for the match industry as 1700 workers walked out in two Ohio plants.

The Intl. Assn. of Machinists (unaffiliated), the Federal Labor Union (AFL) and the United Match Workers (AFL) are involved, having wage disputes with Ohio Match Co. and Diamond Match Co.

Walkouts have taken place in Barberton and Wadsworth, Ohio, with strike action pending in Oswego, N. Y., Cloquet, Mich., and Oshkosh, Wis.

HOME PROGRAM

LAKELAND, Fla.—AFL Pres. Green told general convention of Carpenters here that the nation is embarked on a program to "provide new and better homes for the great mass of American families." Green denied that labor costs were responsible for holding up building, and added he hoped that Wagner-Taft-Elender bill will include a requirement that not less than prevailing wages will be paid in construction of all FHA-insured homes.

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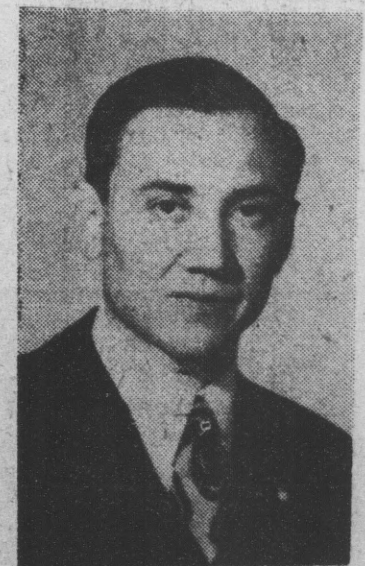


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SCAB HOSPITALS

LOS ANGELES.—The L. A. Labor Council passed resolution calling for end of AFL support for charitable agencies such as Community Chest if they allocate funds to hospitals like the Cedars of Lebanon, which refuses to recognize a union chosen by a majority of the nurses. Nurses, although not officially on strike, have been picketing the hospital.

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